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BIDEN INFLATION THANKSGIVING
TAX

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, Thanksgiving 2021 will be the most expensive meal in the history of the holiday. You pay with Biden inflation, build back bankrupt. A typical meal will cost more than ever.

The Aiken Standard newspaper cartoon today is correct. Some specific price increases include turkey up 27 percent, carrots up 47 percent, potatoes 13 percent, and cranberries up 5.2 percent, in addition to gas up 61 percent and home heating bills up 54 percent.

These are brutal realities for families as we celebrate being an American with Thanksgiving.

Democrat elite think they are smarter than anyone, and they think Democrat voters are ignorant to believe \$5 trillion in spending costs zero dollars. You pay with Biden inflation.

In conclusion, God bless our troops who successfully protected America for 20 years in the global war on terrorism as it continues moving from the Afghanistan haven to America.

Congratulations to the mayor-elect of Columbia, Republican Daniel Rickenmann, who is the first Republican in 40 years for the capital city elected yesterday.

EASING INFLATION

(Mr. COHEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, contrary to the remarks from my friend from South Carolina, leading economists in this country say that the Build Back Better bill will help on inflation. It will ease inflationary measures. It is important that we pass the Build Back Better bill if we are going to deal with inflation.

Build Back Better, the Reuters Agency says Biden's spending plan will not add to inflationary pressure.

Mark Zandi, the chief economist at Moody's Analytics, said, "The bills do not add to inflation pressures, as the policies help to lift long-term economic growth via stronger productivity and labor force growth, and thus take the edge off of inflation."

Madam Speaker, 17 Nobel Prize winners in economics have already stated they believe the Build Back Better bill will ease longer term inflationary pressures.

So it is not an inflation problem. In fact, by passing the bipartisan infrastructure bill, we make it easier for people to get to work and for goods to get to market. Improving our ports, our airports with cargo, our highways, and our rail, all of those things, make it easier for us to work against inflation and to get goods to market and improve the economy.

So we should pass Build Back Better, and hurray Biden.

RAISE THE FLAG OF FREEDOM

(Mr. CAWTHORN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CAWTHORN. Madam Speaker, the Halls of this hallowed Republic have become darkened with the smut and filth of corrupted justice.

Imagine: a predawn raid. Waking from a dead sleep in sheer terror to men with guns screaming and searching furiously for damning evidence against their authoritarian master.

This horrifying vision is not pulled from the pages of some graphic novel. This was last week's headlines.

A dedicated group of whistleblowing journalists, including James O'Keefe, faced illegal raids by the FBI to confiscate personal cellphones and crucial documents that incriminate tyrant Joe Biden.

Madam Speaker, why do you sit in silence while the White House's secret police round up dissenters?

Why do you sit in silence while diligent journalists face harassment at the hands of left-wing enforcers?

There is no greater tyranny than that which is perpetrated under the shield of law and in the name of justice. The flag of freedom lies in tatters when liberty is crushed beneath the heavy hand of a totalitarian regime.

Hear my message loud and clear: The American people will raise that flag of freedom, and it will fly high again very soon.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. MCCOLLUM). Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

HOLD MEMBERS ACCOUNTABLE
FOR VIOLENT SPEECH

(Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of the House resolution calling for the immediate censure of Representative PAUL GOSAR. Posting an edited video on social media depicting violence against another Member of this body is reprehensible.

Make no mistakes, violent speech breeds violent actions. On my third day of Congress, I learned exactly how dangerous words of leaders in this country can be. Allowing this type of dangerous messaging to go unchecked puts all of our lives at risk. Following the January 6 attacks, my family had to get security for our safety. I never imagined having to drop my kindergartner off at school with security in tow.

This routine brand of violence against women in politics is a direct attempt to silence us. We can hold different opinions and disagree, but violent hate speech is unacceptable in any party. Leaders in Congress must be held accountable for their actions.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this basic standard of conduct and join me in holding my colleague accountable.

CATTLE MARKET INTEGRITY

(Mrs. MILLER of Illinois asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. MILLER of Illinois. Madam Speaker, our Nation's cattle ranchers are going bankrupt and yet, the price of beef remains expensive and continues to rise.

The price disparities between live cattle prices and wholesale beef rise in tandem with historic levels of consolidation in the meat packing sector and minimal levels of competition in the marketplace.

My colleagues and I, along with cattle producers nationwide, are asking for action to strengthen the integrity of the cattle market and are requesting an update on the Department of Justice's investigation into the four largest meatpackers in the United States. We must determine if any manipulation, collusion, or other illegal activity may be occurring in order to ensure market transparency.

It is vital for the continuation of the American beef industry that market manipulation is identified. We must stand with our farmers and ranchers for fair, competitive, and free market business practices.

BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE
BILL

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, there was such exhilaration across the Nation as Democrats came together last week and moved forward on the bipartisan infrastructure bill with their vote and to catapult forward the build back America bill as well.

Let me say how happy my constituents are for the \$2.3 billion that will clean the water of old schools, homes, and apartments. This is something that we all fought together for.

But I am excited about the future of this week passing BBB because I fought to reinsert the family medical leave and as well to ensure that all of us have an opportunity to have healthcare across America; Texas being the poster child for the uninsured. Madam Speaker, 766,000 will get insurance now because of the Build Back Better Act.

There is breaking news, and the breaking news is inflation is not caused by the Build Back Better or the bipartisan bill. It is caused by corporate greed; they put the price on goods.

But, Madam Speaker, with the work of the Biden administration and Democrats in Congress, we are going to see the economy drive for all of America, inflation no more.

COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS AND THE UNITED STATES

(Mr. HUIZENGA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HUIZENGA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a symbol of true bilateral relations and collaboration between the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the United States.

One hundred years ago, a group of Dutch Americans, including Franklin D. Roosevelt, established the Netherlands-America Foundation. The creation of this foundation, commonly known as NAF, has spurred innovation and cooperation between our two nations through engagement with the arts, business, and public policy.

NAF works alongside the Caucus on the Kingdom of the Netherlands, which I am proud to co-chair, to strengthen the existing relationship between the United States and the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

The Dutch-American network has established deep connections throughout both of our nations, which is evident by the many NAF chapters spread from coast to coast here in the United States, including in my home area of west Michigan, as well as the Netherlands.

One of the greatest examples of exchanges between our nations is the prestigious NAF-Fulbright Fellowships that enable the foundation to offer awards to Dutch and American scholars pursuing graduate study degrees.

I am honored to recognize the Netherlands-America Foundation and its 100-year record of success in celebrating our shared heritage and enhancing our cultural exchange. These strong bonds will continue to build on our past successes and develop a more prosperous and mutually beneficial relationship in the future.

BOLSTERING OUR NATION'S CRUMBLING INFRASTRUCTURE

(Ms. BROWNLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. BROWNLEY. Madam Speaker, since day one, Democrats have diligently worked with the Biden administration to bolster our economy and rebuild our Nation's crumbling infrastructure.

Earlier this month Democrats delivered on their promise to the American people by passing the bipartisan Infrastructure Investments and Jobs Act. The need for this historic investment in our roads and bridges and public transit and rail systems is clear in every State and every community throughout our country.

Democrats not only delivered one of the largest Federal investments in our Nation's infrastructure, but we are delivering access to broadband and high-speed internet, and we are delivering clean and reliable drinking water to America's families.

The bipartisanship infrastructure deal makes bold investments in our future by creating good-paying American jobs, fighting back against the climate crisis, and rebuilding our economy from the middle out.

We must continue to build on this success—ensuring our democracy delivers for the people—by passing President Biden's transformative Build Back Better Act.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Washington, DC, November 17, 2021.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,

Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on November 17, 2021, at 11:22 a.m.:

That the Senate agreed to Relative to the death of the Honorable Joseph Maxwell Cleland former United States Senator from the State of Georgia—S. Res. 451.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON,

Clerk.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. 789, CENSURING REPRESENTATIVE PAUL GOSAR

Ms. SCANLON. Madam Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 795 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 795

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order without intervention of any point of order to consider in the House the resolution (H. Res. 789) censuring Representative Paul Gosar. The amendment to the resolution printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution shall be considered as adopted. The resolution, as amended, shall be considered as read. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the resolution and preamble, as amended, to adoption without intervening motion or demand for division of the question except one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ethics or their respective designees.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman from Pennsylvania is recognized for 1 hour.

Ms. SCANLON. Madam Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. COLE), who is the distinguished ranking member of the Rules Committee, pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. SCANLON. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members be given 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Pennsylvania?

There was no objection.

Ms. SCANLON. Madam Speaker, yesterday the Rules Committee met and reported a rule, House Resolution 795, providing for consideration of H. Res. 789, Censuring Representative PAUL GOSAR, under a closed rule. The rule self-executes a manager's amendment from Chairman DEUTCH and provides 1 hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ethics or their respective designees.

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Madam Speaker, in any other Congress, the actions of Representative PAUL GOSAR might be easier to dismiss. After all, every single minute of every single day, 5,000 minutes of content are uploaded onto YouTube.

So my colleagues across the aisle or the public might ask, who cares about one YouTube video post by Representative GOSAR? He is just one of many Americans posting his fantasies online, even if his involve a violent scene in which he attacks and murders people that he has labeled as enemies of the American people, a colleague in Congress, and the President of the United States.

But it is just an anime video, so it is not a big deal, right?

Actually, it is a big deal. And here is why: People listen to PAUL GOSAR. He is an elected official; and that gives him credibility, whether justified or not. So while there are indeed 5,000 minutes of content uploaded every single minute of every single day, Mr. GOSAR's video got real attention, just as he intended.

American citizens stopped what they were doing to watch something that a Member of the U.S. Congress had fashioned. He posted it on his official Congressional social media, where he has hundreds of thousands of followers, and where the video was viewed over 3 million times.

And what he posted was violence; fantasized violence. A wish made in a very specific way.

As I said, in any other decade, or any other Congress, this public endorsement of violence by a Member of Congress might have been excused as a lapse in judgment, or even possibly a bad joke.

But this Congress knows what happens when members of the radical right get stirred up by their leaders.

Just a few months ago, this Congress had to hide in safe rooms under the protection of police and soldiers, or barricade ourselves in our offices because our place of work was overwhelmed by armed citizens who wanted to hang some of us.